provisions of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act., 1951 and no separate action is necessary to hold bye-election under the Minor Municipalities Act, 1933. As the election of all the ten elected Councillors has been set aside by the Munsiff, and the High Court has vacated the stay order, the Municipal Council can consist of only nominated members till the elections are complete. A Municipal Council so constituted cannot be considered as legally competent to perform the duties imposed on it. It is, therefore, declared under Section 206 (1) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951, that the Chennarayapatna Town Municipal Council as at present existing is legally incompetent to perform the duties under the Act. The said Council is accordingly dissolved forthwith and directed to be reconstituted with effect from 1st April 1952. During the period between the dissolution and re-constitution, the Amildar, Chennarayapatna Taluk shall exercise under Section 206 (2) (b) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951, all the powers and perform the duties of the Municipal Council, under the general orders of the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, is requested to take action to give effect to the above orders immediately.

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Constitutes a Committee for drawing up a Comprehensive Plan for the future development of Bangalore.

ORDER No. L. 15125-36—I.T.B. 35-51-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH MARCH 1952.

The population of Bangalore increased from 1,61,299 in 1901 to 7,76,170 in 1951. The significant increase of nearly 100 per cent from 4,06,760 to 7,76,170 during the decade 1941-51 was due, for the most part, to the immigration of people from outside the State attracted to the City by prospects of employment during the war time and since. The influx of people still continues and imposes a strain on the housing facilities and public services available in the City. The increase of population has accentuated conditions of overcrowding in the older parts of the City and the Civil Station and has led to overbuilding in parts of the suburban areas. It has also given rise to a problem of "Squatters" on open spaces belonging to private owners as well as to the Government and the Municipal Corporation.

These questions have to be urgently tackled. At the same time provision must be made for other requirements of a varied character, arising from the establishment or proposed establishment of new industries, the contemplated expansion of education and other social services and the location of certain offices of the Central Government and units of the Defence Services in and near Bangalore. Rapidly increasing motor traffic calls for a re-examination of the existing road system in the City. Under the Five-year Plan, the State has undertaken to provide industrial housing at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs and the bulk of this sum will naturally have to be devoted to schemes of industrial housing within the limits or in the vicinity of the City.

These considerations make it urgently necessary to have a comprehensive general plan of development prepared for the City of Bangalore and some of the adjoining rural areas which may be expected, in course of time, to become parts of greater Bangalore. For this purpose, it has been decided to appoint a Committee, designated the Bangalore Development Committee, with the undermentioned members :—

The Chairman, Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board.
The Mayor, Bangalore City Corporation.
The Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation.
The Chief Engineer in Mysore (Roads and Buildings).
The Director of Public Health in Mysore.
A Councillor chosen by the Corporation of the City of Bangalore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.
Mr. G. H. Krumbiegal.
The Government Architect.
A Member of the Legislative Assembly of Mysore (to be notified later).

The Ministry of Defence, Government of India, are also being requested to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee.

Sri N. Madhava Rao, Retired Dewan of Mysore, has agreed to be the Chairman of the Committee. The Engineer Officer, Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board, will be the Secretary of the Committee in addition to his own duties.

The terms of reference to the Committee will be :

1. (*a*) To make an appraisal of the housing conditions in the City ;
   (*b*) To examine the housing schemes now in progress and suggest any modifications required therein ; and
   (*c*) To indicate any new schemes of town extension that should be undertaken having regard to foreseeable requirements of the City in the near future ;

2. To suggest suitable location for important public buildings ;

3. To indicate open spaces in the City which should be preserved for use as parks, play-grounds, etc., and fresh open spaces to be created in the interest of public health and convenience ;

4. To indicate areas that should be set apart for the siting of new factories ;

5. To make proposals for the housing of industrial employees ;

6. To examine the adequacy of the existing provision for public services, such as water supply, drainage and sewage disposal, supply of electric power and formulate measures for their expansion, in an orderly and economical manner, so as to keep pace as far as possible with the City's growing needs ;

7. To examine the existing road system and available transport facilities and recommend any measures needed to improve them ;

8. To suggest measures for relieving overcrowding in the old areas of the City and Civil Station, for the removal of unauthorised structures on lands belonging to public authorities, for controlling building and for preventing the use of houses and compounds in residential areas for inappropriate purposes, by means of suitable bye-laws ;

9. To assess, as far as possible, the expenditure that would be entailed by, and indicate the legislation, if any, that would be needed for implementing the Committee's proposals ; and

10. In the light of population trends and anticipated requirements to draw up, in broad outline, a plan for the orderly development of greater Bangalore, so that it may serve the Government and local authorities as a guide in dealing with specific projects or questions relating to the City that may come up for consideration from time to time.

The expenditure in connection with the work of the Committee will be shared between the Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board and the Corporation of the City of Bangalore in the ratio of 2 : 1. The Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board will provide in the first instance the staff and office accommodation and equipment required for the work of the Bangalore Development Committee.

The Chairman, Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board, will act as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee may co-opt any Officer of Government or Corporation if it feels it necessary.

It is hoped that it may be possible for the Committee to complete its work and submit its final report within one year. Any interim recommendation which may be made by the Committee on matters of urgency will receive the prompt and careful consideration of Government.

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